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Could Obama 'Pull a JFK' in Office? Kennedy-Obama Parallels Intriguing

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BARACK OBAMA ENTHUSIASTS who were angered by the appointment of Rahm Emanuel as chief of staff, are hoping Obama will "pull a JFK" and work around Emanuel—a hawkish advocate for Israel—and those powerful pro-Israel families in Chicago who helped elect Obama.

One of John F. Kennedy's first appointments was Myer Feldman as his point man for Jewish and Israeli affairs—an important post, considering the Jewish lobby was suspicious of JFK's commitment to Israel. Says author Seymour Hersh, "the president viewed Feldman, whose strong support for Israel was widely known, as a necessary evil whose highly visible White House position was a political debt that had to be paid."

However, JFK was determined to make certain that nobody—Feldman in particular—could circumvent any of his Middle East policy intentions: Hersh has written that "the president's most senior advisors, most acutely McGeorge Bundy, the national security advisor, desperately sought to cut Feldman out of the flow of Middle East paperwork." Another JFK aide told Hersh: "It was hard to tell the difference between what Feldman said and what the Israeli ambassador said."

JFK had his own suspicions about Feldman, according to his close friend, journalist Charles Bartlett, who recalled visiting JFK at his home in Massachusetts where talk turned to Feldman's Zionist agenda. JFK said, "I imagine Mike's having a meeting of the Zionists in the cabinet room." JFK's brother, Robert Kennedy, later said Feldman's "major interest was Israel" rather than the United States.

In fact, despite Feldman's position in the White House, JFK was making it clear to the foreign policy establishment that he (JFK) was determined to find a path to Middle East peace, stopping Israel from building nuclear weapons of mass destruction, and helping the Palestinians violently displaced by Israel in 1948.

As part of his effort to stop Israel's bomb program, JFK worked behind the back of James Angleton, the CIA's liaison with Israel and a strong pro-Israel partisan. When JFK appointed a new CIA director, friend John McCone, he directed McCone to shut Angleton out of efforts to stop Israel's nuclear weapons program.

Like JFK, Obama forged relationships with billionaire Jewish families closely tied to Israel and to the Jewish organized crime network dubbed "the Supermob" by investigative journalist Gus Russo. A Chicago politician, Obama had to rely on Chicago-based billionaire pro-Israel families—the Crowns and Pritzgers —whose "Supermob" origins Russo outlined in his book *Supermob*.

But, as the historical record shows, JFK bucked these interests when he became president.

JFK captured the White House by narrowly winning a number of states in which the Chicago crime syndicate arranged vote fraud on his behalf. Although legend presents Chicago under the heel of Italian-American gangster Sam Giancana, Giancana's nephew has revealed his uncle was no more than a front man for the real Chicago crime boss, Jewish mobster Hyman Larner, longtime partner of Meyer Lansky, chief of the national Jewish crime syndicate and its "Mafia" elements.

JFK's contact with the Jewish lobby was New York financier Abraham Feinberg, a major fundraiser (along with the Crown family of Chicago) for Israel's nuclear weapons program. Needing critical Jewish money and Jewish votes in the 1960 election, JFK met with Feinberg and other Jewish dollar barons at Feinberg's home. Later, Feinberg and his cronies agreed to come up with $500,000 for JFK. Feinberg later claimed JFK's "voice broke" and that "he got emotional" with gratitude.

However, according to Hersh: "Kennedy was anything but grateful the next morning in describing the session" to Charles Bartlett. Hersh noted that JFK had "driven to Bartlett's home in northwest Washington and dragged his friend on a walk, where he recounted a much different version of the meeting the night before."

"As an American citizen he was outraged," Bartlett recalled, "to have a Zionist group come to him and say: 'We know your campaign is in trouble.We're willing to pay your bills if you'll let us have control of your Middle East policy.' Kennedy . . . also resented the crudity with which he'd been approached."

"They want control," JFK angrily told Bartlett. Hersh added that "Bartlett further recalled Kennedy promising to himself that if he ever did get to be president, he was going to 'do something about it'"—that is, Jewish money dictating American elections and foreign policy.

Nixon vs. Kissinger . . .

RICHARD NIXON ALSO MADE behind-the-scenes efforts to foil the Jewish lobby. Respected British journalist Alan Hart revealed that in 1973 Nixon's secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, a Jewish supporter of Israel, was privately warning Israel that Nixon might cut off arms to Israel. In fact, Nixon was aligning himself (behind the scenes) with King Feisal of Saudi Arabia to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Hart has described Nixon's efforts (through Feisal) to engage Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in back-channel negotiations—kept secret from Kissinger—for a peace settlement. But Kissinger learned of the negotiations and put a kibosh on the effort.

At one point Nixon told Feisal that if the Jewish lobby continued to frustrate Nixon's peace efforts that he—Nixon—intended to tear up his 1975 State of the Union address and go on national television and explain to the American people how Israel and its lobby were the obstacle to peace. Nixon never gave that speech, forced out of office in 1974 by the Watergate affair—and that's another story.

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